

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**PPM Energy, Inc.**  
**Rugby Wind Farm-Pierce County**  
**Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-05-47**

**Case No. PU-05-305**

**PPM Energy, Inc.**  
**230 kV Transmission Line**  
**Siting Application**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

**June 29, 2005**

On June 16, 2005, PPM Energy, Inc. (PPM) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Rugby Wind Farm and an application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Rugby Wind Farm Transmission Line. The project is located entirely in Pierce County, North Dakota and will consist of a wind farm approximately 150 MW in size and consisting of up to 100 turbines and an approximately 9.5 mile, 230,000 volt (230 kV), three-phase alternating current electric transmission line between a new project substation likely located in Section 28 of Spring Lake Township and the existing Rugby Substation located east of Rugby, North Dakota. The site and corridor and route are shown on the attached map.

In its application for Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit PPM requests the Commission waive procedures to allow for a single consolidated application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit, waive procedures and time schedules to allow for a single consolidated hearing on the waiver requests and the consolidated applications for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit, and that the Commission waive requirements for mylar maps and aerial photographs.

The Commission finds the application is complete.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed wind farm and electric transmission line produce minimal adverse effects on the environment, natural resources, and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed wind farm and electric transmission line compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed wind farm and electric transmission line corridor and route minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. What minimum intervals between turbines and minimum setbacks from environmentally sensitive areas, roads, residences, property lines or other setbacks for turbines or other structure locations should be required?
5. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive the procedures as requested in the application including the request for a single consolidated application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit?

A **public hearing** on this application is scheduled to begin **July 29, 2005 at 9 a.m. CDT at Pierce County Courthouse**, 240 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Rugby, ND.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary at least 24 hours prior.

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